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"WE" NOT "YOU"

By Elder Heber M. Clegg, South American Mission.

They say the work done in the field will reap a large reward,
Assistance rendered a needy soul is lauded by our Lord;
The missionary's happiness in his work is very great,
And just because he does his share that joy is adequate.

But what about the Mother with her mission far away
Who reared that boy for God's great call, inspiring him each day;
Who now prepares her younger sons that they too might fulfill
Their mission when they're called to preach from house-top or from hill?

And what about the Father who much more than does his share,
Who works and makes a sacrifice to keep his son out there;
Who tries to spare him anything that might discomfort give,
And help him with advice and love a better life to live?

His brothers and his sisters go without many things they've had;
It means more patches, fewer shows; yet they are all so glad
To do their best to help the work out where their Brother is
That ne'er a hint of cares at home are spoken of as "his",

We can't all tract and talk and preach -- there's other things to do,
The mission is abroad and home, each knows what he should do.
Oh, Mother, Father, Sister, Brother, Sweetheart, and friends, too,
The recompense is not for one -- you must say "we", not "you".

(Liahona)

"A GOSPEL LETTER"

(NOTE: Sometime back, President Samuel Martin received several letters in reply to one he had previously written to a gentleman. We believe the reply he sent might be helpful to our readers of the Bulletin; therefore, we have reproduced it with a prayer that its detail may help them, leaving out the names of those to whom he was writing.--T.R.M.)

Dear Mr.-----: Many thanks for your letter of June 26th, enclosing letters from your friends.

Until I was nearly thirty years of age I believed very much as these two gentlemen do, but I am very grateful that God so graciously allowed me to learn of the Restoration of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in contra-distinction to the doctrine and commandments of men.

Your friends must realize that in a letter it would be nearly impossible for a poor creature like me to give a clear and concise summary of all our teachings. I believe we teach that portion of the Gospel of Jesus Christ which is the power of God unto salvation, not only for the living, but the dead also; and only such as have been revealed by God in these last days.

That portion of the Gospel which has been revealed, is so beautifully comprehensive that the way-faring man may understand. It comprehends truths which have not entered the heart of men during the previous 1500 years, or were lost to the world from about one hundred years after Christ till again revealed from heaven in the year 1820.

The Book of Mormon is a wonderful restoration of the pure prophetic word of God as given to his servants who lived during the period of 600 years before Christ and 400 years after Christ, and were guided by God to inhabit the American Continent. It contains the clear and definite teachings of Jesus Christ. It was translated by the power of God and not by scholastic science of languages. It will create a greater love for the Bible because it makes clear its teachings, which have been distorted by the numerous translations.

I fear that I have not sufficient time to write to your friends now; however, I do not disrespect their views, but if they have time to study the word of God as revealed today fro the salvation of the world, they will not have to let go any righteous or Holy principle they now cherish, but they will drop as an hideous and vile serpent some of their cherished traditions which are not of God.

May I respectfully suggest one specifically mentioned in the splendid letter of Mr. -------, wherein he says "the Gospel is so simple that none need err": No.2. Note he mentions as follows: "If not redeemed, or saved, or born again, or converted, call it what

you like, he will be eternally lost."

I presume he means, unless this change takes place before death of this life.

Now if this gentleman will carefully examine the four conditions mentioned, which he uses synonymously, he may be surprised to find that they are really four conditions in which men find themselves.

"Redeemed": All men are redeemed from death of the body and will come forth in the resurrection of the just or the unjust, irrespective of his belief or non-belief in Christ.

"Saved": A man is not sure of being saved while it is possible for him to be lost. The Saviour says: "to him who endureth unto the End." Therefore, as long as I have the weaknesses of the flesh to contend with and my free agency to act according to my desires, under the strain and temptation of the evil one I may choose to obey him instead of God and thus fall.

"Born Again": A man is born again when he has obeyed from the heart in true repentance, the law of God. That is: he must be taught the truth of God's word and commands and in faith he must be obedient. The law of God for the new birth is: when faith and repentance have prepared him, he must be Baptized (that is buried in the water) by a divinely called and appointed servant of God who bears the authority of the Holy Priesthood. Organization authority is not Priesthood.

"Converted": Converted is a condition of being turned from worshipping idols or following those who teach doctrines not in harmony with those of the prophets of God and the Lord Jesus Christ. It goes without argument that if these never take place he can never be saved and will be eternally lost.

Let me give you the suggested steps in the salvation of man which any Bible student will be able to verify.

We must first give heed to the teacher -- called belief. If we believe, it will produce a desire to go and see; search out to see if what he says is right, that action of so doing is Faith. Faith the cause of action producing a learning of the truth of those things you are looking for.

The knowledge thus obtained is Repentance, because we cannot consistently refrain from doing things in error, sinfully or wickedly until we have learned that they are forbidden of God. Repentance is obtaining a knowledge of these errors and forsaking them; yet Repentance does not produce the peace required, because it being a constant enlightener of error, and is an eternal principle for eternal progression. It requires the law of Baptism for the remission of sins. Not only does the act of Baptism bring into action the law of God for the remission of the past, but it symbolically signifies a death and burial of the old man, and as we rise from the water, figuratively from the dead, with Christ, we are received again into the family fold of God through Christ, as one born unto him and are given the Spirit of sonship with Christ.

Paul put it beautifully in Romans sixth chapter, see verses 3 to 8: "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin."

This quotation portrays the importance of our observing the commandments of Jesus Christ today as when Moses told the Children of Israel that, "It shall be our righteousness, if we observe to do all these commandments before the Lord our God, as he hath commanded us." Deuteronomy 6:25.

Many religious teachers are willing to risk their own salvation and others by telling us we need not be Baptized. They will agree to sprinkling and put off God with that.

Let me return to plan No. 2, suggested by Mr. ------ and ask this question, for he said: "he will be eternally lost."

This teaching does not come from God. It is an introduction of false doctrine made by fanatics during the dark ages of apostasy.

Ask yourself these questions: Does our Heavenly Father retain the eternal destiny of man in his own hand? or has Satan a greater power? Is God, our Eternal Father, a God of Justice? Does His mercy endure forever? We are told that it is his work and his Glory to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man.

Now ask yourself in all reverence: Will He who holds our destiny in His hand, and cannot do an unjust act (or he would cease to be God) allow one whom he loves, as the Scriptures declare, to be eternally lost; because, generally in ignorance, they have been disobedient for twenty or one hundred years which could not be compared with one second of eternity?

How can one conceive such doctrines from the teachings of Christ and at the same time teach that God is a God of love with eternal patience, eternal mercy, absolute justice and judgement?

Jesus Christ said all manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven men, except they who sin against the Holy Spirit. Do not endeavour to limit the time or place!

But ask yourself the reasonable question: If only those who die in absolute faith and trust in God through Jesus Christ in this life, and there is not more than one-fourth of the World who accepts Jesus Christ as the Saviour of the world, and can we say with truth that half of those who say and acknowledge Jesus Christ as the Son of God really live what He taught?

What a terrible failure such a plan would be with Him who possesses all wisdom and knowledge from eternity to eternity!

If God's mercy and plan for the salvation of the human race could or did not operate beyond this mortal existence, then the offspring of God are virtually lost.

It can only be a lack of power to save, which can or will allow any punishment to last long after justice is satisfied, because love and mercy step in and claim their own, even with the human race.

Ask your friends not to allow the narrowness of prejudice to damn the light from coming into their souls, because of wicked persecutions and vilifications of no worse a nature than that imputed to Christ and his servants before.

We are out to the world to tell that God has appeared, Angels of God have visited the earth again and instructed. God has revealed His Glorious Gospel, as ordained before the world began, through His Son Jesus Christ, and man may know of its power and truthfulness.

The hint that Mount Frere does not want our Elders, etc., etc. has no bearing whatever with us. If needs be we are willing to teach at any and all costs.

But as no man cometh unto the Saviour except the Father draws him, even so today, no man becomes a Latter-Day Saint until God reveals the truth to him.

Many are baptized, like many are called, but few are chosen because they are not valiant enough to bear the yoke. They are like Moses -- willing to forsake popularity and friends for Christ sake.

I could write and write of the beauty and truthfulness of what I have the joy of knowing, but I am limited for time and I fear that I may weary you. I will send you some of our tracts and trust you may be able to seek and find for yourself; but always remember when asking others opinions of us that the blind cannot safely lead the blind, they must appeal to him who has the light.

May God bless you and your friends. There are two quite different characters in them. I trust Mr. ----- will destroy that monster "prejudice" by trying all things and cleaving to the truth, whether he finds it dressed up and labeled Catholicism, Mormonism, or any other kind of "ism". Truth is Eternal; obtain all you can and iliminate all the error possible, it comes from the opposite of Truth. We teach truth and only truth knowingly, and he may find we have no secret doctrines, as suggested by him, regarding salvation for the dead. That is why our Temples are built as fast as we can build them.

Our standare works comprise the Bible, the Book of Mormon, The Doctrine and Covenants (which contains the revelations of God through the Prophet Joseph Smith for our guidance in this day), and the Pearl of Great Price, which contains the vision of Moses and writings of Abraham, etc. All other of our literature is written by the gift of wisdom, but any which you may desire dealing fully with any doctrines taught by us are at your disposal, cost price plus postage. The Book of Mormon costs two shillings plus postage.

I am sending you our monthly, "Cumorah Monthly Bulletin". There may be something of interest in what is written there. With very kind regards and desires to be of any little assistance that I can to you in your search for truth, I am, Very sincerely yours,
---Samuel Martin, Mission President---

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"CHURCH ACTIVITIES"

(Address given by Apostle George Albert Smith at the ninety-Eighth Annual Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints held on April 7th, 1928, in the Salt Lake Tabernacle.)

Among the wonderful inventions of our day is that of the amplifier and the radio. This morning I am grateful that I have the assistance of this device in speaking to you in this great building.

Yesterday we had as visitors men from afar, one of whom addressed us, calling attention to our particular position in the world of Scouting. His remarks reminded me of an experience I had recently, at least it is not many months ago, while in San Francisco attending a regional meeting of the Scout organization. We had spent the day in session. At the close of the meeting, when it was ready to adjourn, I asked the chairman for permission to say a few words on the Latter-day Saint plan of taking care of boys. My request was cheerfully granted. I asked those who were present, first, if they would pay attention to what I had to say, with the thought that they might add to our program, and give us the benefit of their thinking, because they were all experts in taking care of boys.

I said first of all, we have a fathers' and sons' outing manual. I had it in my hand. This is an invitation to the fathers and sons of our country. We have in our Church ninety-nine ecclesiastical divisions known as stakes, and this program is suggested for fathers and sons, with the thought that if they can go out together into the open spaces and camp in the mountains or plains of God's great out-of-doors, and become better acquainted, both fathers and sons will be greatly benefited thereby. I went through the program, of course, in a little more detail than I shall do here today. I said: We have a Junior Manual. This is intended to inspire in the boys faith in God. There is a lesson for each week during the Mutual Improvement season, and we feel it is a fine program. I called attention to some of the features of the plan, some of the experiences of our missionaries and early Scouts, and the feeling that it would engender in the heart of the boy in appreciation of the heroism of these individuals.

I said: We have an advanced Junior group in the Mutual. For this group we have a manual prepared to call attention to the fact

that courage is an important thing, not only courage in the face of ordinary danger, but courage to do right when evil is present. We feel that at this age our boys should be stimulated with the courage to do right. Scouting is an important part of the program of these Junior groups.

Our next age is our senior group, and we have a manual prepared for them. While men are quarreling about the differences between science and religion, we prepare a manual and put it into the hands of our advanced adolescent youth, calling attention to the fact that there is no conflict between true science and true religion; that the truth, no matter from what source we derive it, all originates with our Heavenly Father. We place a manual in their hands that calls attention to the fact that instead of trying to find a conflict between science and religion we do well to understand them both, to the end that we will be able to harmonize them.

While I was talking I noticed several individuals in the house nodding to one another, calling attention to the fact that that was a good thought.

Now, I said, we have an advanced Senior group. For this group we have taken for this year's study short biographies of men who have been prominent champions of liberty throughout the world, such as Moses, Confucius, Gotama the great Buddha, Justinian and other philosophers and religious leaders. Then we call attention to the fact that in this group were Oliver Cromwell, George Washington, Joseph Smith, Abraham Lincoln, Brigham Young, Benito Juarez, etc. In the life of each of these men we have found that which we feel ought to inspire men and women with a desire to do better things. In addition, we have our Mutual Improvement Era, that is published monthly, containing articles that are intended to inspire in the growing young men a feeling of reverence for God, and a desire to know of his purposes.

At the conclusion of my talk to them I said: Now, gentlemen, I have told you what we are trying to do for our boys in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. I shall appreciate it if you will now give me your reaction and any suggestions for improving our plan.

One of the leaders of the group, without hesitation, said: "Mr. Smith, we are at your feet." Another man spoke up and said: "There is no other program like that, for boys, in the world." The Superintendent of Schools of San Jose, California, said to me: "There is no church in all the world doing for its young people what you are doing," and he said, "It is remarkable to me that we, in San Jose, work our heads off to put over the Boy Scout program with the thought that we are doing the most wonderful thing in the world for boys, and you come here and tell us that that is only a little part of your program, that Scouting is a part of your Junior work." And he said: "I Want to compliment you." There were quite a number of those present who gave me their cards and asked if we would sup-

ply them with our manuals for this year.

I mention this because only yesterday you heard from one of the chief Scout men of the United States, the statement that we lead in Scouting, that Utah and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are in the forefront in the world of Scouting. In the case of the people I have mentioned, their lives are set on that one department.

When this man from San Jose said: "We find that this is only a little part of what you are doing for boys," I did not enlarge upon the program by saying, this is only one of the departments of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. We start with our Primary children, and they are surrounded by the love and tenderness of the best women in the world. Our children are taught to pray; in the organizations with which they are identified they are taught faith; they are led along the pathway of constructive thought. They are carried on in that department until they are twelve or fourteen years of age. I did not tell or our Sunday Schools -- no other Sunday Schools in all the world compare with ours. We take our boys and our girls in their tender years and lay a foundation for an understanding of the Bible, the Book of Mormon, the Doctrine and Covenants, the Pearl of Great Price, and the history of the Church; so that when they are old enough to come in contact with individuals in the world they have a fund of information by which they are not only able to defend their faith, but are qualified to advocate their faith in such a way that others may be inspired and interested in it. Then we have the Mutual Improvement organizations, that have developed both boys and girls to become orators, musicians, writers and thinkers. We have our Relief Society, the great national organization, than which there is nothing in all the world better, an organization that contributes, not only to the intellectual and spiritual welfare of its members, but also to the desires in their hearts to reach out and benefit and bless those who are in need, as the name implies. I did not tell these men that when our boys are young they are taught the gospel of Jesus Christ, and ordained to the Priesthood; that as Deacons, as Teachers and as Priests, they are taught, while in youth; that as Elders they become members of the Melchizedek Priesthood, and may be ordained Seventies, and High Priests, going upward through the various ages of their lives. I did not call attention to the fact that we have our ward meetings where, once a week, we are brought together and where we may partake of the Sacrament. I did not call their attention to the fact that we have our quarterly conferences which afford the opportunity for the people to come together in the various larger districts, under the influence of our Heavenly Father. I did not tell them of the great annual and semi-annual conferences that are held in the Church, attracting people from all parts of the world, affording opportunity for the reuniting of families, the bringing together of friends and renewing acquaintanceships -- all these things, a regular part of the program of the Church of Jesus

Christ of Latter-day Saints.

I haven't touched all the things that are in my mind, but I have mentioned enough to call your attention to what I would like to have you remember, that when our Heavenly Father established his Church upon the earth, he established it on such a broad plane that there is afforded in this organization, by means of its priesthood and its auxiliary organizations, an opportunity for the development of every living soul, under the influence of his Holy Spirit. He organized his Church on so broad a scale that all are invited to search the scriptures and understand them for themselves. On such a scale we are invited to go into the great schools and universities of learning of the world, seeking for the things that the world has been able to uncover and explain; and these all, as far as they are true, to become a part of our thinking, to be made a part of our lives. When we analyze these things and realize what God has done for us, we would be an ungrateful people if in the depths of our souls we did not worship him day by day, with thanksgiving in our hearts for the mercies that are extended unto us. No other people in all the world are so cared for and cultured, no other people in all the world are so tenderly taught and so carefully advised and counseled as are the Latter-day Saints. And if we will only take advantage of our opportunities and avail ourselves of our privileges, this Church will continue to grow and spread, there will be less opportunity for evil to come into our communities; we will continue to be a tower of strength for righteousness, as I believe we now are among the people of the world, not only in keeping the ethical ideals of this world before the people, but also in instilling in mankind a living faith in our Heavenly Father, which is at the foundation of all real progress and all that is really worth while.

I am grateful for my standing in this Church. I am thankful to be associated with my brethren and sisters in a department of service. And now today, inasmuch as there is a new plan in operation affecting the Priesthood and the Mutual Improvement Associations, following upon that of the Church Sunday School, let us all desire to carry forward this mighty work of our Heavenly Father, put our shoulders to the wheel and cause this department to function for the benefit and blessing of the youth of Zion, and for the uplift of every man, woman and child, to the end that each may in due time be found worthy of a place in our Father's celestial kingdom. That we who have part in this glorious work may rejoice in it, is my prayer, in the name of Jesus. Amen

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"My son, keep my words, and lay up my commandments with thee. Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye. Bind them upon thy fingers, write them upon the table of thine heart. Proverbs 7:1-3."

"REPORT OF MISSION TOUR"

President Samuel Martin reports that leaving Mowbray on Thursday, August 23rd, he proceeded on his fifth tour of the Mission, holding Conference at Kimberley on Sunday, August 26th; Bloemfontein on Sunday, September 2nd; Johannesburg, Sunday, September 23rd; Durban, Sunday, October 7th; East London, Sunday, October 14th; Port Elizabeth, Sunday, October 21st. All meetings were well attended and a good spirit prevailing among the Saints and friends throughout the Mission.

He had two hours earnest conversation with The Honourable Advocate Henry Burton K.C. regarding our people and the doctrine taught by them. Mr. Burton took a Book of Mormon and promised to read it.

President Martin also travelled with the Honourable H.J. Odendaal M.P.C. from Bloemfontein to Aliwal North on September 6th, and for most of the eleven hours conversed with him on Utah, the "Mormon" people and their doctrines, to which he paid great attention and expressed great pleasure in having learned of our people. Mr. Odendaal is a nephew of The Right Honourable, the Prime Minister, General Hertzog. He invited President Martin to use his service for an introduction to the Prime Minister whenever it might be convenient to them both. Mr. Odendaal purchased a copy of the Book of Mormon and promised to read it. He also promised to refer to his acquaintance with President Martin should he ever hear our people spoken of with disrespect in the future.

President Martin desires to express very sincere appreciation to the Saints and many friends who showed him so many kindnesses.

President Martin stopped over for 24 hours at Estcourt where he visited with Sister Kukard Doyle and family, held a Cottage Meeting and visited the town.

Upon arriving in Durban on Friday evening, October 5th, at 7:PM., he was met by Elder O. N. Beckstead and Elder Rex C. Ellsworth at the station, where he was handed a cable from President Heber J. Grant informing him of his release.

While in Durban he had the pleasure of staying with his Old Friends, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Heard, at Umbilo, whose hospitality he much enjoyed.

President Martin was very pleased to see the growth of the East London District, with a splendid Sunday School and Evening Service being held in the Sons of England Hall. While in East London, President Martin stayed with Bro. and Sis. Charles Jubber who did all in their power to make his stay pleasant and profitable.

Arriving in Port Elizabeth on October 18th, he was met at the station by President Sheldon R. Free and Elder A. Edward Hughes with an automobile kindly loaned by Mr. and Mrs. McWilliams to take him just where he desired to go, which proved a tremundous help and was very much appreciated.

The whole tour was crammed with activity and every day fully occupied.

"Cumorah" was on tip-toe awaiting his return to discuss the cable of his release, which was a matter bringing with it many emotions of regret and joy.

The next three months will require very earnest efforts to get in all that President Martin would like to do.

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The Gospel of Jesus Christ is designed to give man health and happiness.

Health is concerned with the spirit and mind as well as with the body of man. The Gospel is mistakenly supposed to concern only man's spiritual health. Mental with physical health forms the only assurance of spiritual progress. A man who is physically or mentally ill is not truly happy, though he may approach spiritual peace. The three parts of man's nature are interrelated and depend upon one another's welfare.

The Gospel in its fulness always provides for man's physical wellbeing. Ancient Israel was given the Law of Moses, which, when strictly observed, gives proof of high wisdom. It is an added proof of the truth of the restored Gospel that through revelation man is again given a code of health that stands every scientific test.

The Word of Wisdom was given through the Prophet Joseph Smith in 1833, before reliable scientific information concerning human nutrition was known. The science of human nutrition is yet young, but every step of progress confirms and explains the truth of the Word of Wisdom, given nearly a hundred years ago.

The Gospel, a complete guide to happiness, recognises the immense importance of mental hygiene. That the Prophet Joseph Smith understood and taught the essentials of mental health is demonstrated by the findings of modern psychology. The present brief treatise of necessity is confined to the treatment of man's bodily wellbeing.

Man is made in the image of God, and possesses the possibility of becoming a fully developed, happy, healthy, joyous traveller on the road of eternal progress. But, to realise this possibility, he must obey the laws of the journey. He must never lose sight of the fact that his body is the tabernacle of the spirit, which is the offspring of his Maker, and as such deserves the greatest, intelligent care. ---Preface to "The Gospel and Health".

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It is the glorious prerogative of the empire of knowledge, that what it gains it never loses. On the contrary, it increases by the multiple of its own power; all its ends become means; all its attainments help to new conquests. ---Daniel Webster.

"MISSION NEWS"

"Cumorah", Mowbray.

We feel that we have many reasons to rejoice and give praises to the Lord for his many blessings unto us during the past month.

Our meetings are better attended now than they ever have been. Sunday School seems to grow steadily and we are meeting with great success in our Street Meetings, which are held now twice a week if the weather permits.

Elders Vern D. Greene from Provo, Utah, and Clare B. Christensen from American Fork, Utah, arrived in Cape Town on October 15th, 1928, per the "R.M.S. Saxon". They are both energetic and very much enthused with the work.

On the 20th of October, District President Foyal L. Smith and Elder Clare B. Christensen left for a country trip. They visited The Strand, Stellenbosch, and Somerset West, where they held meetings and visited Saints and friends. While at the Strand, District President Foyal L. Smith blessed Burt Meintjes Bouwer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Burt Cecil Bouwer of the Strand. The child was born on the 24th of July and was blessed on the 21st of October, 1928. And while at Somerset West they administered to Sister Sundstrom, whom they found very ill. They returned to "Cumorah" on the 26th of October and reported a very successful trip.

Mission President Samuel Martin returned from his fifth tour of the Mission on October 25th, and we are glad to have him again with us at "Cumorah". ---Elder R. Earl Madsen, District Clerk---

"Ramah", Johannesburg.

During the month there has been a great deal of sickness but we are pleased to report all are progressing nicely. The Elders have been comforted in seeing the sick made well by the power of the Lord through their administration to them.

Tracting has proved very fruitful and many have been told the wonderous story of the Restoration of the Gospel. Many enjoyable evenings have been spent with friends and investigators where the beauties of the Gospel have been discussed.

A picnic was held under the direction of the Mutual Improvement association on October 1st at Zoo Lake. The day was rainy, nevertheless many turned out and enjoyed themselves.

On October 3rd, Mission President Samuel Martin left for Durban after a very profitable visit among the Saints and friends here.

On October 15th the Elders attended the funeral of Mrs. Moorhouse, the funeral being held under the direction of the Church of England. Mrs. Moorhouse had been a friend of the Elders for years and her passing gave cause for deep regret among all who knew her.

Sister A.M. Pace left for an extended holiday at Carolina, Transvaal on October 15th. She was very active here in Church affairs and will be greatly missed during her absence.

On October 18th, Sister Norman Muir gave birth to a beautiful baby girl. Both Mother and babe are doing fine.

The Mutual Improvement Association sponsored an Old Fashioned Dance at the Norwegian Hall on October 20th. A good time was enjoyed by all in attendance.

The usual visit was made to Pretoria by Elders O. Layton Alldredge and Bertram C. Cutforth. They were later joined by Elder Wm. B. Holland who desired to see Pretoria before leaving this District for another. The visits with the Saints and Friends were very profitable and joy was expressed by all in meeting with the Elders again.

The meetings at the Waterval Branch have been well attended and we find great joy in the progress of the Lord's work among the people living there. ----Elder O. Layton Alldredge, District Clerk.

Port Elizabeth District.

The latter part of last month a social was held at Sidwell at the home of Brother and Sister R. K. Doller; There was a fair attendance and all enjoyed themselves. There was also a Moonlight picnic held under the auspices of the Mutual Improvement Association, with whom another party joined. All had an enjoyable evening.

On October 18th, President Samuel Martin arrived and during his stay he visited many Saints and friends and held several Cottage meetings at which he taught the wonderful Gospel message.

President Samuel Martin expressed very sincere appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. McWilliams who very kindly gave him the use of their motor car during the six days he spent with us which greatly facilitated his visits and made it possible for him to accomplish in six days what usually has taken him ten.

We have had the pleasure of paying another visit to Uitenhage and we are pleased to report that they are all well.

Last month on the 15th we failed to report the death of Miss May Conry who died from interic fever. We are very sorry to report that on October 23rd, Mrs. A. C. Walker passed away. Mrs. Walker had always been very kind to the Elders.

Our Tracting has been fairly successful and we have been able to leave a few Books of Mormon in the homes.

---Elder A. Edward Hughes, District Clerk.

Bloemfontein District.

After President Martin's visit we endeavoured to make it possible for as many members in the Branch to hold office as possible so that development may come to all. We have now reorganized the Sunday School and the Mutual Improvement Association. The Relief Society has been organized once more. The Sisters have again started their meetings and they are working in love and harmony. They are desirous of seeing the Relief Society accomplish the work for which it has been organized. The Branch Presidency has also been fully organized.

On the 2nd of October a successful M.I.A. Social was held at

the home of Brother and Sister Hubert. "A court of Injustice" was held where a very unfair trial was given to all. Refreshments were served and the rest of the evening was spent in games.

On the 27th of October, a Baptismal Service was held; the candidates being Mrs. Elizabeth J. Dames and her little daughter, Reina M. Dames. ---Elder Bertram J. Glynn, District Clerk.

Kimberley District.

Kimberley reports a very successful month in getting the message of the Restoration of the Gospel before the people.

On Monday, October 1st, the Saints and friends enjoyed a very successful picnic at Maud River. Although rain and snow fell in the morning, the sun soon came out and made it possible for the outing, which was the first in Kimberley for four years.

We are pleased to announce that on the 26th of October, Bro. Reginald Robert Campbell entered the bonds of matrimony with Miss Nora Elizabeth Seibert of Kimberley. ---Elder George C. Maw---
District Clerk.

Natal District.

A very successful and well attended Conference was held on October 7th, at which Mission President Samuel Martin was the speaker for the Evening Services. President Martin arrived in Durban on October 5th and left October 11th on the "R.M.S. Carnarvon Castle" for East London. During his short stay here we were unable to visit all our friends, however, we feel that our President's visit was very successful.

On the 16th of October, District President Oral N. Beckstead and Elder Rex C. Ellsworth made a very successful visit at Estcourt, where they tracted the town and baptized the following: Sister Kathleen Doyle, Brother Lawrence Kukard and little Ira Kukard. The Baptismal Service was held on the banks of the "Little Bushman" River.

Mr. and Sister Jack Moore gave a farewell party at their home, October 26th, in honour of President Oral N. Beckstead who leaves on the 3rd of November for Cape Town then from there he will sail for his home in America on November 30th.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Williams, our Canadian friends, invited the Elders to accompany them on a motor drive, which was very much enjoyed.

On October 29th, the Elders had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Thomas Boydell, Minister of Labour, at their home.
---Elder Rex C. Ellsworth, District Clerk.--

East London District.

East London reports that they are making great strides in the sale of the Book of Mormon. Their Sunday School is growing very rapidly, having twenty-nine usually each Sunday, also a similar number of people to our Evening Services. All seem deeply interested

in our Message.

President Samuel Martin arrived here on Friday, October 12th. In the evening after visiting during the day, we were kindly invited out to dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Katel of Cambridge. The next day we visited Sr. Peggy Marritt, who is an artist with her husband, traveling with the Boswell Circus. It was very pleasing to us all to see the splendid esteem in which she was held by her associates, and the influence of her life and teachings among them.

President Martin's visits were very much appreciated by our friends in East London. He was very pleased to find a Mr. Gilmour who, twenty odd years ago, used to manage one of the Humphrey and Martin stores in Cape Town; their meeting was apparently very mutual.

President Martin left on Wednesday, October 17th, for Port Elizabeth. Our District is making splendid progress.

Elder Wells L. Evans, Dist. Prest.; Elder Ray W.Ellsworth, District Clerk.

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RELIEF SOCIETY.

We feel very grateful for the success of the Relief Society Bazaars which have been held this year. The Sisters and friends, who are members of this great organization, are to be highly complimented for their wonderful work.

It has been surprising to note that many non-members have gladly contributed both time and means to make our work a success, and so at this time we feel to express our appreciation unto these kind people.

This year we made a record in our subscriptions for the "Relief Society Magazine", in the South African Mission, and we are now looking for a bigger and banner year. Every Mother should have the magazine in her home. It contains outlines of the lessons, short stories, reports of the Relief Society work throughout the Church, and many hints and helps for mothers.

While we mention the Relief Society Magazine, we feel also the necessity of refering to the other Church publications, such as the Juvenile Instructor for the Sunday School, and the Improvement Era for the Mutual Improvement Association and Priesthood. All three of these journals should be in your home.

Keep up your good work, Sisters! Make 1929 a yet bigger and better year than 1928 and the Lord will surely bless you in your efforts. ---Sister Clara A. Martin.

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"We only begin to realize the value of our possessions when we commence to do good to others with them. No earthly investment pays so large an interest as charity. --- Joseph Cook ---

"A BROKEN PINION"

I went to the Woodland Meadow
Where sweet the thrushes sing,
And found on a bed of mosses
A bird with a broken wing.

I healed its wound and each morning--
It sang its sweet refrain;
But the bird with the broken pinion,
Ne'er soared so high again.

I found a young life striken,
By sin's seductive art,
And touched with a christlike pity,
I took it to my heart.

The bird with a broken pinion,
Kept another from the Snare.
The life that sin had striken,
Kept another from despair.

Each wrong has its compensation;
There's a healing for every pain;
But the bird with a broken pinion,
Ne'er soars so high again.

-- "Selected" --

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"FAILURE AND SUCCESS"

When Samuel Johnson in his prologue to "The Tragedy of Irene" used the phrase, "Studious to please, yet not ashamed to fail," he surely meant that when a man has striven earnestly to do his task well, in the sincere belief that he is doing it well, he has nothing to be ashamed of when others mark him as a failure. The viewpoints of critics depend, too, on their mental outlook and on the atmosphere in which they themselves labor.

That type of man has been termed a failure who fails to understand his fellow men and who builds too readily on their faults without attempting to learn their good points. For no man is wholly incompetent nor wholly a failure. Experience has often exemplified, too, the biblical philosophy that "the first shall be last and the last shall be first," by turning what appears to be failure into success..... (Public Ledger)

COMPARATIVE REPORT OF MISSIONARY LABOURS FOR THE MONTH ENDING OCTOBER 31st. 1928.

Cape	MISC.	TRCT.	VIS. INV.	VIS. STS.	ATG. MTG.	STDY.	TOTAL	HRS. G.C.	NO. INV. VIS.	B.ofM DIS.	TRACTS & PAMPH.
F.L. Smith	69.5	30.5	77	57.5	51	39.5	325	75	110	8	622
R.E. Madsen	78	27	69	53	59	39	325	63	73	1	358
C.B. Christensen	35	3	22	19	13	10	102	23	30	1	51
TRANSVAAL											
R.H. Beckstead	66	26	75	66.5	61.5	54	349	79	76	9	198
W.B. Holland	61	31	55	58.5	49.5	61.5	316.5	55	52		159
O.L. Alldredge	68.5	26.5	54.5	68	47.5	63.5	328.5	50.5	38	3	132
B.C. Cutforth	72.5	30.5	58.5	62	45	63.5	332	51	64	1	147
PORT ELIZABETH											
S.R. Free	65.5	13.5	87	58	49	68	341	66	87	4	1008
A.E. Hughes	66	34	64	46	49	58	317	47	78	6	1392
BLOEMFONTEIN											
L.H. Duncan	63	42.5	51.5	53	50	57	317	53.5	59	4	1063
B.J. Glynn	69	49	52.5	51	52	40	313.5	48.5	52	6	1078
KIMBERLEY											
C.W. Larson	54	27	59.5	81	38	56	315.5	52	61	7	168
G.C. Maw	46.5	36.5	52	62	37	44	278	50	53	2	227
NATAL											
O.N. Beckstead	76	28	101	80	37	66	388	123	94	9	645
R.C. Ellsworth	69	20	75	59	34	93	350	76	70	4	227
EAST LONDON											
W.L. Evans	80	42	78	55	48	79	382	68	82	31	872
R.W. Ellsworth	54	51	69	34	34	103	345	73	35	19	1258
DISTRICT AVERAGE											
Cape	73.3	23.6	68	51.4	53.4	39.6	318.9	64.9	84.7	4.1	391.1
Transvaal	67	28.5	60.7	63.7	50.9	60.6	331.5	58.8	57.7	3.2	154.9
Port Elizabeth	65.7	23.8	75.5	52	49	63	329	56.5	82.5	5.0	1195
Bloemfontein	66	45.8	52	52	51	48.5	315.3	51	55.5	5	1070.5
Kimberley	50.2	31.8	55.7	71.5	37.5	50	296.7	51	57	4.5	197.5
Natal	72.5	24	88	69.5	35.5	79.5	369	99.5	82	6.5	436
East London	67	46.5	73.5	44.5	41	91	363.5	70.5	58.5	25	1065
MISSION AVERAGE	66	32	67.6	57.8	45.5	61.7	332	64.6	68.3	7.6	644.3

Cape District Averages includes the time of Elder Vern D. Greene.

MEETINGS HELD: Cape 70. Transvaal 65. Port Elizabeth 54. Bloemfontein 53. Kimberley 39. Durban 36. East London 37.

BAPTISMS: Durban 3.

CHILDREN BLESSED: Cape 1 Transvaal 4 Durban 3

ORDINATIONS: Durban 1

Theodore R. Martin
Mission Secretary.